

Senate File 203 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 203
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 46)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to stocking private waters and fishing on such
2 waters.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.78, Code 2019, is amended by
2 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
3 following:

4 **481A.78 Stocking private water.**

5 The commission shall not stock a private pond or lake.
6 However, the commission may stock a creek or stream flowing
7 through private property.

8 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **483A.6C Fishing license not required**
9 **on private pond.**

10 No fishing license is required to fish on an entirely
11 land-locked private pond that is not located on a natural
12 stream channel or otherwise connected via surface waters to
13 waters of the state.

14 **EXPLANATION**

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill prohibits the environmental protection commission
18 from stocking a private lake or pond. Current law allows the
19 commission to stock private waters with permission of the owner
20 under certain conditions.

21 The bill also allows a person to fish without a license on
22 an entirely land-locked private pond that is not located on
23 a natural stream channel or otherwise connected via surface
24 waters to waters of the state.